

GLOSSARY OF ELIGIBILITY TERMS

ENROLLEES/ELIGIBLES - Those persons who apply for and are determined eligible for Medical Assistance benefits. Medical Assistance (Medicaid) enrollees are automatically eligible through receipt of cash assistance from Temporary Cash Assistance Program (TCA), formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Enrollees may also become eligible as a result of meeting certain financial and technical requirements established by the State and the federal government and qualify as Medically Needy.

RECIPIENTS - Medical Assistance enrollees/eligibles who have used their Medical Assistance cards to receive medical services covered under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. Counts of recipients in this publication may exceed the average number of enrollees, because many individuals gain and lose eligibility over the year's time or change eligibility categories.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION - (FFP) Federal expenditures provided to match State expenditures for Medicaid eligibles in federally approved assistance categories. In Maryland, during fiscal year 2001, all categories except Maryland Pharmacy Assistance (MPAP) and Subsidized Adoptions (SA) were eligible for FFP.

I...CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

Federally-matched categorically eligible persons are those (1) who meet financial and technical eligibility requirements for TCA or SSI, or (2) who have been identified by Federal statute as eligible for Medical Assistance. Most TCA and SSI eligibles receive cash assistance, though some do not due to certain circumstances or conditions. Those made eligible by Federal Statute do not receive cash assistance. The State receives federal financial participation for all covered expenditures for these groups.

AGED - Individuals 65 years old or older who are recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits or meet technical eligibility standards for SSI.

BLIND / DISABLED - Individuals who are blind or disabled and are recipients of SSI benefits or who meet technical eligibility standards for SSI. Also includes - Individuals meeting specific medical criteria under a Federally approved Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS). Certain financial criteria are waived to enable individuals to remain in their home or community setting and still receive medical benefits. In FY 2001, Maryland Medicaid was operating three 1915 (c) waivers, serving over 4,000 people. These included the Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disability; the Model Waiver for Medically Fragile Children; and, the Senior Assisted Housing Waiver.

TCA (ADULT, CHILD) Temporary Cash Assistance, formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Individuals who are recipients of or qualified to receive Temporary Cash Assistance benefits. Effective October 1, 1996 Federal welfare reform abolished the AFDC Program and replaced it with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Under the welfare reform law, TANF recipients were

not categorically needy and therefore may not receive MA benefits based on their eligibility for TANF benefits. Section 1931 of the Social Security Act permitted states to adopt medical assistance rules that are more liberal than the 1996 AFDC rules. Maryland adopted more liberal rules to allow TCA recipients to automatically qualify for federally matched Medical Assistance coverage.

SOBRA (ADULT, CHILD) – The Sixth Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, 1987 granted Medical Assistance to pregnant women and their children born after September 30, 1983 (PWC Program). Pregnant women who have incomes below 185% of the federal poverty level may receive pregnancy-related medical services under Medicaid. Complete Medicaid coverage is available for infants in families with incomes below 185% of the poverty level, one through five year-olds with incomes below 133% of the poverty level, and eligible children aged 6 and above born after September 30, 1983 with incomes below 100% of the poverty level.

QMB - Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries. Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988. Medicare eligible persons who are eligible for Part A, have income which does not exceed a specified percentage of the official Federal poverty line, and whose assets do not exceed twice the asset level of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program. Medicaid pays Medicare premiums, co-insurance and deductibles for these individuals. Some eligibles may qualify for state-funded MPAP pharmacy coverage.

MC PREMIUM - Medicare eligible individuals whose income exceeds financial limits for QMB, but less than limits set for Specified Low Income Medical Beneficiaries (SLMB). Eligible for coverage of Medicare premiums only, but may be eligible to receive state-funded MPAP pharmacy coverage.

FPP - Family Planning Program. This program provides 5 years of family planning coverage for SOBRA women who lose Medicaid eligibility after their pregnancy-related period of eligibility. Program began November 1994.

MCHP – Maryland Children’s Health Program – Uninsured children under age 19 are eligible for MCHP medical coverage if their family income is above Medicaid eligibility standards and less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). In order to be eligible for benefits under this program, a child applicant may not be currently covered by or voluntarily dropped employer-sponsored group health plan or health insurance coverage within six (6) months before the date of application to the Local Health Department or Department of Social Services. There is no asset test for MCHP. MCHP eligibles receive the full range of Medicaid covered services and are enrolled in the Maryland Managed Health Care Program, HealthChoice.

II...MEDICALLY NEEDY ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES

Federally-matched medically needy persons are those whose income and resources are above the limits for eligibility as categorically needy (TCA or SSI) but are within limits set by the State. Expenditures for these groups are eligible for federal financial participation.

AGED- MN - Individuals 65 years old or older whose income and resources do not exceed the medically needy income and asset standards.

BLIND / DISABLED-MN - Individuals who are blind or disabled and whose income and resources do not exceed the medically needy income and asset standards.

CHILD-MN - Individuals younger than 21 years old who live with family members whose income and/or assets are greater than Section 1931 standards but less than the medically needy standards. Also includes children in foster care whose income and assets do not exceed the medically needy standards.

ADULT-MN - Individuals who are caretaker-relatives of children and whose income and/or assets are greater than Section 1931 standards but less than the medically needy standards.

III... OTHER COVERAGE CATEGORIES

STATE FOSTER CARE/ADOPTIONS (SA) - Subsidized Adoptions. Children who are placed in foster care or adoption by the Maryland Department of Human Resources and who are not eligible for a subsidy in which there is federal financial participation. Services for this group are entirely state-funded.

MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MPAP) - Individuals who meet eligibility requirements and financial resources set by the Department are eligible to receive pharmacy services funded entirely by the State. Certain Medicaid eligibles who receive limited coverage and are not eligible for pharmacy services under Medicaid may qualify for this state-funded program.

